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An Unbroken Offensive.

The world owes a debt to Secretary of War Baker for giving it a glimpse into allied military plans and strategy.

A world of meaning is conveyed in this unobtrusive sentence in his weekly communique on military operations on the French and Flanders fronts:

"It is not anticipated that the allies will go into winter quarters this year."

To keep up the hard, smashing blows against the enemy's lines-that is something which the German High Command has not envisaged. It appparently has counted upon a let-up of British pressure in the Ypres sector with the coming of winter, and it has been generally assumed that the French and British would cease operations in this period, as has been their custom. That they will not do so indicates a degree of confidence on their part which is significant in the

Secretary Baker also discounts the German operations in the Riga sector by revealing it as mere camouflage to counteract the lowering of morale in the army and civilian population of Germany. This is confirmation of the views expressed by The Washington Herald some days ago.

In declaring that "the German High Command has invariably picked out a weakened objective, in order to be able to record a success, which should be of political rather than military value," Mr. Baker reflects the viewpoint of the French and British authorities regarding the empty German victories in the Gulf of Riga and the Gulf of Finland,

He adds that "sound strategy demands that no such diversion of forces be undertaken at so crucial a moment. If the enemy had any confidence in being able to stem successfully the tide of the allied advance in the west, he would throw every ounce of his strength into the balance in Flanders, and, if possible, by crushing the allied armies, bring about 'peace with victory,' which the German has often stated as his objective."

The communique will have a steadying influence on American opinion at the present time. German propaganda has not been slow to take advantage of German successes in the Riga sector to forecast an indefinite prolonging of the war. The official statement of the War Department puts an entirely different light on the matter.

Justice and Mercy

For an offense, trivial in character, yet too serious for his superiors, who must maintain the dignity and honor of the District to overlook, Capt. Schneider was suspended from duty without pay.

The Commissioners have reopened the case on the ground that an officer of twenty-six years' unblemished reputation should have every opportunity to prove his innocence

The Herald believes this course to be wise and kind, and it hopes that Capt. Schneider will be fully exonerated. When a man spends a lifetime amid the sordid side of life and comes through with a 90 per cent character, it is but just and at least human to weigh his act of dereliction in a friendly scale.

Big malefactors, committing serious outrages, offending public honor, escape the punishment they deserve, because our friends of the law know its weaknesses. Surely in a case such as this the Golden Rule, which may not be good law, but is sense fits: "therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets."

In Capt. Schneider's case we would be disposed to agree with those who believe that justice, tempered with mercy, would satisfy the law. Let us remember, too, that other adage from the Good Book: "Strength is made perfect in weakness"

How Pacifism Defeats Itself

There are in this country pacifists who are really pro-Germans, working as earnestly as anybody can for the Kaiser. But there are also pacifists who abhor the Kaiser and are genuinely opposed to war.

The unfortunate thing about these good people is they are taking the very step that will defeat their dreams.

By talking of peace now they play directly into the Kaiser's hands. A peace now would be a premature peace, an inconclusive peace, a German peace. It would leave the Kaiser master of middle Europe, with no punishment for having brought this horror upon the world, and with his hands free to prepare for the next war of which German speakers are constantly talking and German publicists constantly writing.

A peace such as the honest pacifists in this country are now talking of would be the seed of many future

It would be more than that. It would be the cause of the greatest development of militarism the world ever saw.

Nations would all be armed camps. France would not dare allow her citizens to return to peaceful pursuits. England would not dare dismiss her soldiers to their old industrial life. Our own country would not be able to return to the old status.

On the other hand, it would be an imperative necessity for us to keep in our army millions of youths against the Armageddon sure to be unloosed upon ivilization the moment the Hohenzollerns felt able to renew the conflict.

And what would this state of armed preparedness bring in its train? Does any thinking man believe it would mean more liberty, more democracy in the world?

When nations sleep on their arms, liberty and democracy go by the boards.

The tendency in France, in England, in Italy, in his country would be to make the military paramount. Instead of less, there would be more restrictions for the ordinary citizen. There would be a constant tendency to center power in the hands of one man or of a small group of men. Everything would be sacrificed for the one great object-safety from the Hohenzol-

The conclusion is, therefore inevitable. The con-

vinced and honest pacifist, far from crying for an early cessation of hostilities, should demand that his coun try and its allies push this war to a victorious conclu sion. Only when Germany is thoroughly beaten, only when the wicked Hohenzollern tribe is unhorsed, only when it is shown that militarism and war-making do not pay, will it be possible to have a world in which peace reigns and armaments can be reduced.

Kerensky and the Bolsheviki.

Perhaps the end of the long fight of Alexandre Kerensky is at hand. Perhaps the imminence of the German peril has brought light into the dim Slavic revolutionary consciousness.

Moscow, a capital of the old Russia, is to be seated once more in its ancient glory. Petrograd, nest of Teuton intrigue, radiating center of the Germanic cast which dominated the bureaucracy and commercial life of Russia since the days of Peter the Great, is to be abandoned, at least temporarily. The change is for the better. It should strengthen Kerensky's hand; it should stimulate Russian pride; it should make the lot of those who are trying to make the new republic stable and permanent a trifle easier.

"Russia wants peace by right, but we will never bow our heads to force," declared Kerensky, in opening the Russian preliminary parliament. Applause came to him from all groups, except certain extremists of the Bolsheviki, or the radicals and Maximalists. This class is waning in influence. The peasantry is veering away from it. Even the Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates is beginning to realize the limitations of the policy they have been supporting. It begins to look like a clean-cut triumph for Kerensky.

Why Kings?

When Germany and her allies are finally defeated this question will echo throughout Europe:

Why kings?

Almost every week brings forth its own damning proof of the danger kings are to the world. The reently published correspondence between the German kaiser and the Russian ezar should shock the world into a realization of that danger.

Here behind the scenes, ignoring advisers and rabinets and parliaments and all the rest, "Willy" and "Nicky" were playing at cross purposes with each other. There were many affectionate messages to members of their respective families. There was on the part of the kaiser a constant attempt to influence the stupid Russian czar against England, to make him believe France was not always true to the Russian ally.

All the time and always the kaiser was seeking to strengthen himself against the day when he expected to make an onslaught on Europe.

It is not a pretty picture-this of two mere human beings, like the rest of us, toying with the lives, the fortunes, the future of millions of men. And that is why, when all the full story of this war is known. the question will come up constantly upon the lips of men.

Why kings?

"All Right Ee"

A great man once said that if he could converse in seventy languages that he would teach courtesy in every one of them. He understood the keystone of character. He would cultivate those soul sparks which make for optimism.

In childhood whenever a companion, not in himself, was a bit grouchy his friends generally excused him with the apt remark: "He must have gotten out on the wrong side of his bed."

Just one tiny thoughtful action, a single little cheer word will start the day auspiciously for a fellow, generating within him so hospitable a friction as to cause him to truly radiate good humor.

Bright "good mornings" can hardly be beaten as a salutation and wedge to amiable conversation, but probably there is no other word in the English language which could be used so universally as a joy jogger than that euphonious little phrase: "All right ee."

It may look a trifle Chinesey when it simply stares at you from cold paper, but to hear it interspersed in bright conversation-instead of the too popular and categorical "I can'ts" and "Don't know hows," it ranks with the highest also as a thought conveyor of rejoicing acquiescence.

It would be rather nice if when war is over our should undertake to supply stockings and sweaters for the needy children in America-and when you think of it-quite patriotic.

Arthur Brisbane, of the Washington Times, is reported ill and seeking rest in the pine woods. The Herald joins a great many admirers of Mr. Brisbane's rare personality and great talent in hoping for his speedy recovery.

The Lost Glamour. When Old John Barleycorn is dead And gone unto his rest, I shall be one of those who say "It all is for the best,
It all is for the best,
It all is for the best, my lads,
That John should pass away;
He was a wastrel and a knave

And he has had his day. "But though his deeds were wicked deeds He gave life, now and then,

A pleasant glow we shall not know
Nor ever feel again;
His trail was one of wreck and wrong
He led men to their fall, Yet at full many a feast he proved A merry chap, withall. "Oh weep not for John Barleycorn

An arrant rogue was he, Yet sometimes, for a little while He caused our woes to flee; It's well he's gone, and yet anon We heave a little sigh. We heave a little sign,
For one blithe touch of fellowship
He brought in days gone by!"

—Berton Braley.

The Gard Joan.

Along the thousand roads of France, Now there, now here, swift as a glace, A cloud, a mist blown down the sky, Good Joan of Arc goes riding by.

In Domremy at candlelight, The orchards, blowing rose and white, About the shadowy houses lie; And Joan of Arc goes riding by.

On Avignon there falls a hush, Brief as the singing of a thrush Across old gardens April-high; And Joan of Arc goes riding by.

The women bring the apples in, Round Arles when the long gusts begin, Then sit them down to sob and cry; And Joan of Arc goes riding by.

Dim fall of hoofs down old Calais; In Tours a flash of silver gray, Like flaw of rain in a clear sky; And Joan of Arc goes riding by.

Who saith that ancient France shall fall, A rotting leaf driven drown the gale? Then her sons know not how to die; Then good God dwells no more on high!

Tours, Arles and Domremy reply! For Joan of Arc goes riding by.

-Liste Woodworth Reese, in For France.





The governor of a great State who renounced his office and came to Washington as a Senator and smilingly stated that for once he had come where he couldn't be disturbed by book salesmen and peddiers of various kinds, found to his amaze-ment that they can break in and solicit him even in the Senate office building.

They do not troop in in unbroken

strings, however, but they manage to get in now and then and they work shrewdly when they tackle the Senators or their secretaries. Only the other day a high class salesman, with all equipment concealed about his person, shot past the door and for haif a day's labor in the big building turned in orders for half a hundred sets of books, it is said. His plan was to step into each office quite demurely and exhibit a list of books. The Mst was penned list of books. The Mst was penned in long hand and as the prospective

buyer took the list the salesman said, Have you read these books?" the p. b. said "Yes" or "Sure" "Uh-huh, part of 'em" that was nough.
"All right you're likely to be in-

terested in a little proposition I have.

If you had said you were not familiar with this list I would have stepped out and gone on my way.

But this makes me think you're a student, and so I'm going to lay this hefore you." he said before you," he said. And the canvas went merrily on while the salesman displayed his stock, after drawing on most of his

pockets. He kept up a running fire of conversation, he was droll with real humor in his occasional sallies just one office he disclosed his identity-he is really an author of some re-pute, and he is playing the role in order to get material for another

best seller."
"I find you can get the real character of people in this way as you cannot possibly do in any other rote," said he. "In enjoy the work, too, and honestly, I make money at it."

Sells to Return.

Indian Commissioner Cato Sells who has been away several weeks on a visit to the Indian tribes and reservations of the Southwest, will return next week. Mr. Sells has made an exhaustive study of phases of Indian administration, and upon his return is expected to put into force and effect new rules with regard to some of the tribes.
Indians of the competent variety of whom there are many, and many of whom visited Washington during the summer to expedite the issuance of fee patents to their lands which they are selling in order to invest lands they still retain, nave wes-comed with pleasure Mr. Sells sweeping changes. They insist that he has done a great thing for them—while the Indians whose competency has not yet been established and which, perhaps, will not be established in many a day, stand back and assert that Mr. Sells is the worst "Great White Father"

SCHOOL DAYS

they have ever had to contend with sentatives are making, however, which t Washington. Congressional members in whose States or districts Indian reservations are located have had new problems put up to them since Mr. Sells understood to carry out his "competency"

rulings. But the members have been interested from the first in operation of this rule and they are satisfied quite generally that Mr. Sells will show dreds of times daily by Repregreat advancement in Indian administration. One phase of the Indian folks—so look out, if the coal problem problem which indicates that the red isn't solved by December 3 that very men are anxious to pay back Uncle Sam for some of the good things he has done for them is the eagerness the hill. with which they have entered the war. y fice, but they can't freeze. And noboth as participants and as Libert Bond buyers and contributers to the Red Cross and other military aid

and funds. Coal Situation Acute. Numerous Representatives now at home have wired and written in to

the fuel commission emphasing the acute coal situation which they find in their sections of the country. It is said that shortages in other directions have threatened many times in the past but that the people have not become stampeded to the same degree the coal situation has caused them to grow excited. People have never dreaded food famines of any particular kind because if there wasn't one kind of food to eat there would be some other kind to take its place. They always had potatoes and bread and meat-and famines of the other products didn't worry them. But with the wood supply only moderate, and coal daily growing more difficult to procure there is an appreciable fear felt in there is an appreciable lear felt in the country districts—and the con-gressman are being sought out by their constituents and asked to do all in their power to prevent it. Of course, the Representatives cannot do anything but frame lengthy appeals to the fuel administration

or let them look over their shoulders while they're at the telegraph office sending the little yellow backs There is one reply which all Repre

OPHELIA'S SLATE.



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with knowing what to do and what not to do under any and all circumstances. It is this pair that conceived the plan and which, with Vance Mc-Cormick's sanction, will carry it out to the end. THE OBSERVER. In lacing my shoes,

THERE WAS A REASON.

may presage some action by the body on the hill if the situation is not al-leviated by December when the mem-

thing real radical pretty soon. We'll have coal, you bet we will, if we have

This statement is being made hun dreds of times daily by Representa

That Democratic Plan.

selves confess to a slight curiosity in the same direction for they insist that besides being a more costly way of making campaigns, it may de-

will harm rather than help the cause

No matter what either friends or foes are thinking the organizers, Messrs. W. D. Jamison and W. R.

Hollister, are going ahead to give the scheme a trial. Both of them have been doing nothing but think and act politics since the last cam-paign, and both of them have kept

velope a sectional affectation

Reference at a dinner was made those who delight in adhering to time-honored customs when Con- When I wouldn't. gressman Allen T. Treadway, of Mas-Get along. sachusetts, said he was reminded of a dear old lady in his home State.

For many years the old lady in question had gone to the local drug store, and asked for a particular almanac. At the beginning of the present year she made her usual call but nt year she made her usual call, but ent year she made her usual call, but unfortunately the druggist had exhausted his supply of the kind she wanted. Several brands were offered, but the old lady negatively shook her head.

Hasn't a chance now.

wanted the one I usually get on ac-"But, madame," interposed the drug gist, "they all have weather predic-For reading menus.

"Yes, I know," was the surprising response of the old lady, "but the one that I usually get always has At the Ritz. more finer days than the others."-Philadelphia Telegraph.

By DWIG

PLAIN TALKS By J. D. BARRY.

At the moment the German news- in short order and been in a position papers are denouncing the opinions to fulfil their destiny as the leading regarding the German government nation of the world and the German people expressed by President Wilson in his reply to

At this time last year the Germans were looking forward to the Presidential election in this country with eager anticipation. The report had been spread among them that Wilson would be defeated. They didn't know much about Hughes; but they welcomed a tchange from the man that had written so many notes of criticism to their government and had spoken so plainly in regard to some of their so tribulation can set to many actions. But tribulation can set to many the present the sound of so plainly in regard to some of their ruthless methods of warfare in-volving American lives and prop-national feeling or it can develop in-

Few of them were able to take a de-Few of them were able to take a de-tached point of view and to say with Maximilian Harden, "Wilson has been right on every point." It was their advantage that they had in mind all the time or rather what, from their narrowly national point of view, they bers return. They are all telling their home folks "Uncle Sam will do someregarded as their advantage.

What most incensed the Germans at that time, what incenses them to this day, illustrates the bias of their reasoning, the sending of munition the United States to the allies. tives who are now out among the home folks-so look out, if the coal problem they have been reminded of their own business dealings as neutrals with nabusiness dealings as neutrals with na-tions at war, furnishing supplies wherever they could, they have had only one kind of reply to make, and that particularly childish, "Well, this is a different kind of war from those other wars. People can diet and fast, and sacri-

Republicans are wondering what the effect of the zone system on poli-tics will be new that the Democrats have organized the States of the Union into zones for the national campaigns. And Democrats them-

by President Wilson in his reply to the Pope, and elsewhere they are rejecting and reinforcing and creating German public opinion. Their purpose is to solidify German feeling against what they characterize as alien intrusion and interference and to intensify the resentment that the Germans have long been encouraged to feel against the Chief Executive of the United States.

. There are Germans, radicals mainly

ternal dissension. The suffering tack of food swiftly translates into deeper hatred for England.
"They are trying to starve our women and children," is the cry raised wherever the Germans hear

the reports that they are being de-nounced as barbarians.

In their minds they are the injured ones. Their wrongs clamor for red-ress and provide abundant justifica-

The Germans illustrate the herd in-

stinct in a most dramatic and impres-sive way. Their leaders have even cultivated it with extraordinary init with extraordinary genuity. Among the young Germans that tore through Belgium at the stars of the war there must have been many who were high-minded and generous in spirit.
But did they hesitate to invade .

other wars.

It is different because it concerns their welfare.

It naturally disturbs them to think that, but for the United States, they might have been successful in conquering Russia, France and England

Army and Navy News

Best Service Column to City



It is getting so.

When you dine out. In New York The waiter hands you.

in touch with conditions to such an extent that they believe their scheme will work out with startling success. This pair have been through the minor classes in politics and long ago won their master's degrees, so it is won their master's degrees, so it is said. They expect to do many things for their party which Jonathan Bourne, publicity aggressor of the Republican party, has not been able to do for his party. And in the end they expect to have democracy well organized for the 1920 campaign.

Mr. Jamison is an Iowa product, and his initiative and sagacity are held to be typical of the West—while

and his initiative and sugarity are held to be typical of the West-while Mr. Hollister, who was formerly sec-retary to Senator "Bill" Stone, has retary to Senator "Bill" Stone, has

played the game with and without frills so long that he is given credit for the waiter. with knowing what to do and what To hand us the bad news.

With my wife's father.

ad., "They won't do," she said. "I Along the Lobster Belt. They even want to charge.

> I read a dandy breakfast. The other morning.

And stepped out. Into the lobby. To get a cigar.

And while I was getting it The house detective Kicked my knuckles

Rupert Hughes.

Who writes novels. Came along. And we shook hands.

And he said: "Did you know I named "A novel after you?"

And two buttons popped And my hat got tight.

And I said: "No, what was it?" And he smiled.

"Empty pockets."

The big stiff.

THE INTERPRETATION.

The conversation in the lobby of Washington hotel turned to the remarkable way in which telegrams are occasionally interpreted when an incident along that line was related by Congressman John C. Linthicum, of Maryland, Some time ago the stork visited the

home of a happy young couple in Maryland, and wishing to notify her girl chum who lived in a distanct city, the glad event, the mother sent the following telegram:
"For unto us a child is born-Isalah "Oh, Harry! exclaimed the girl chum

think?"
"You have got me chucked out at store and gently rub the "aching first in the conundrum game," in-nerves," and in just a moment you dulgently smiled Harry. "What is will be absolutely free from pain and

The War Department has issued a warning to officers concerning the wearing of the Sam Browne belt as

part of their regular uniforms. At-tention is called to the fact that this equipment has not been authorized for officers on duty in this country. As noted last week, this belt has only been authorized for use by American Signal and aviation officers in Europe, but has not been adopted for the general use of the army.

The War Department on October 17 ed for the general use of the army. The War Department on October 17 authorized the publication of this statement: "It has been observed that some officers are wearing a belt known as the Sam Browne belt. There is no authority for the wearing of this belt within the limits of the United States, and until such authority is given this belt will not be worn."

Th commanding generals of the National Guard and national army divisions have been instructed to or-ganize "a school for gas defense" in their units, with a qualified medical their units, with a qualified medical officer as directer and a chemist and a noncommissioned officer of the Medical Department as assistants. Additional instructors in the new military science have been ordered to each camp. Construction of a gashame in which the goldlers, wearing house in which the soldiers, wear the regulation mask, are subjected the deadly fumes, is going forward under the direction of Brig. Gen. I. W. Littel. Instructions to the camp W. Littel. Instructions to the camp commanders explicitly require that! "every officer and enlisted man of your division" shall take the gas defense course. The division of Gas Defense Service in the office of the Surgeon General, U. S. A., has been placed under the direction of Mat. E. D. Kremers, M. C., with Mal. Bradley Dewey, S. C., N. A., as as-sistant.

The Berthler machine gun may be added to the list of automatics ap-proved by the War Department for arming the expeditionary forces. A joint board of army, navy and Ma-rine Corps officers has been meeting at Springfield, Mass., for the purpose of testing this weapon. The Berthier is a light machine gun. It has been recommended to the attention of the department as a suitable weapon for "ambulent or marching fire and for general light machine gun work." The board is to decide whether the gun possesses sufficient advantages. gun possesses sufficient advantageous features to make it advisable for the War Department to undertake its manufacture in quantity. Lieut. Col. Robert H. Willis, Jr., S. C., U. S. A., heads the detail for the board, the other members being Maj. D. C. Mc-Dougal, U. S. M. C.; Capt. Thomas W. Brown, G. S., U. S. A.; Capt. Walter L. Clark, C. A. C.; Capt. Herbert O'Leary, Ord. Dept., and Ensign H. F. Claussen, U. S. N. R. F.

A LINE O' CHEER EACH DAY O' THE YEAR.

By John Kendrick Banca THE BLIND MAN

Who thinks of life in terms alone Forgetful of its joys, and days that glow.

Is like that man who thinks of busy As notsy things that sting, and never

The stores of honey that their industry Builds up to sweeten things for you

and me. He sees the thorn and overlooks the rose,

Forgets his friends and contemplates his foes, And spite the beauty of the summer O'erlooks the birds, and growis about

the flies.

STOP PAIN! RUB **NEURALGIA AWAY**

Instant Relief from Nerve Torture and Misery with "St. Jacobs

Rub this soothing, penetrating oil right into the sore, inflamed nerves, and like magic—neuralgia disappears. "St. Jacobs Oil" conquers pain. It is to her husband on receiving the a harmless "neuralgia relief" which dispatch. "I have just got a tele-gram from Gladys and what do you Don't suffer! It's so needless. Get

Oil."

the answer?"

"Gladys has a baby boy." enthusiastically responded little wifely.

"His name is Isalah, and he weighs part of the body, you get instant reline pounds six ounces."—Philadelphia destroyer—it cannot into honest pain.